

CARLSBAD *Currents*

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Welcome to Carlsbad Currents, an at-a-glance resource for the latest city news, issues and events.
Want more information? Visit the City of Carlsbad website at www.carlsbadca.gov.

'Tis the season for safety

With the holiday season in full swing, remember to keep your family safe from holiday crimes, including theft and burglary, which generally increase around this time of year.

While shopping:

- Go to stores and areas that you are familiar with and where you feel safe
- Shop with a friend
- Keep an eye on your purse, wallet and shopping bags
- Lock your car. If returning to your car after dark, park in a well-lit area
- Don't leave valuables, especially MP3 players, navigators, satellite radios or purses and wallets, in plain view in your car. Stolen purses and wallets can result in identity theft
- Ask a security guard or store clerk for help carrying packages to your car, or ask a security guard to escort you to your car

At home:

- Be careful about what you display in your front window. A beautiful tree with lots of presents around it creates an opportunity for crime

- Shut and lock all the doors and windows in your home when leaving for holiday gatherings—or even a quick trip to the store
- Place indoor and outdoor lights on timers or light sensors. A house sitting dark in the evening tells criminals that no one is home
- Engrave holiday gifts, such as electronic equipment and tools, with your driver license number. It is easier for authorities to return items to the owner, if stolen. Video tape items that are hard to engrave, such as jewelry

Leaving town:

- Two weeks before leaving, call the City of Carlsbad Police Department at **760-931-2214** for a vacation security consultation. The city's Police Department staff will provide you with tips on how to make your house still look like you are home



Shop Carlsbad this season

Did you know that when you shop in Carlsbad, a portion of your tax dollars stay in the community and goes to fund city services, including libraries, parks, arts and public safety?

City's newsroom keeps you *connected*

The city's updated online newsroom is your go-to place for the latest city news and information.

- **News:** learn about the latest city news, issues and events
- **Video:** watch videos about the city's programs, events and issues
- **Photos:** view photos of city places and events
- **City TV:** Watch a live stream of the city's TV channel
- **Social media:** share city stories, videos and photos through e-mail and social media sites
- **RSS:** Sign up to receive the latest city information through a RSS feed and follow the city on Twitter

Visit news.carlsbadca.gov to check out the newsroom.



Ask the City



The city answers questions from residents.

What's going on with the Carlsbad Desalination Project?

For more than 10 years, the City of Carlsbad has taken a leadership role in making the Carlsbad Desalination Project a reality, recognizing the importance of securing new, locally controlled water sources for the city and the region.

Details of the project continue to be worked out. City officials are committed to working with the project's developer, a private company called Poseidon Resources Corp., and the San Diego County Water Authority to find a way to build the project that is equitable for everyone involved while providing the proper protections for Carlsbad taxpayers. For the latest information on the project, please visit the city's website, www.carlsbadca.gov.

Fun winter events

DeLoss McGraw: Recent Paintings in Response to Günter Grass's *The Tin Drum*

Now – Jan. 16, 2011, Tuesday – Saturday,
11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.
William D. Cannon Art Gallery, Carlsbad City
Library (Dove Lane), 760-602-2021

In a series of vibrant paintings, McGraw explores Gunter Grass's 1959 black comedy novel about the madness of war.

Cinema Society of Carlsbad

Saturday, Jan. 22, 2 – 4 p.m.
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), 760-602-2012

Film screening of the acclaimed foreign film, "Gloomy Sunday."



Teen Scene

Saturday, Jan. 29, 4 – 9 p.m.
Calavera Hills Community Center,
760-438-2843

A night of creative expression for teens, the main event will include teen bands battling it out for the title of "Carlsbad 2011 Battle of the Bands Champion."

2011 Juried Biennial Exhibition

Jan. 30 – March 18
Tuesday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.
William D. Cannon Art Gallery, Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane),
760-602-2021

Open to artists who live, work or have a studio in San Diego County, this exhibition will be selected by guest jurors Peter Frank, senior curator at the Riverside Museum of Art, and Larry Baza, co-director of Noel-Baza Art Gallery in San Diego.

Local Authors' Festival

Saturday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), 760-602-2012

Come and find your next great read as Carlsbad and North County authors discuss and sign their books.



Dispose of fat, oil and grease properly this season

Avoid expensive and messy sewer pipe backups this holiday season by dumping fat, oil and grease in the trash not down the drain.

Soap, detergents and bleach only temporarily cut the grease. Fat, oil and grease eventually attach to the walls of sewer pipes. Homeowners are responsible for the sewer pipe from their homes to the street. Clogs in this pipe are costly to clear, especially after hours and on holidays.

Follow these tips to keep your pipes flowing:

- Scrape uneaten food and sauces into the trash before washing the dishes or placing them in the dishwasher
- Wipe cooking pan residue with a paper towel before washing and throw the towel in the trash
- Mix small amounts of fat, oil and grease with absorbent waste such as kitty litter, coffee grounds or paper towels before discarding
- Dispose of fat, oil and grease into a plastic container

For more information, visit
www.carlsbadca.gov/sewer.

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Dispose of trees, for free



The City of Carlsbad is offering free, curbside pickup as well as drop-off bin locations for Christmas trees from Monday, Dec. 27, to Monday, Jan. 17. **The trees will be recycled and converted into mulch that will be used throughout San Diego County.**

Trees that measure more than four feet tall need to be cut in half, bundling is preferred but not necessary.

The tree stand, lights and all other decorations must be removed from the tree prior to recycling. Flocked trees are not recyclable and must be disposed of through regular trash service.

For more information, contact Waste Management at **760-929-9400** or visit <http://northcounty.wm.com/christmastree.asp>.

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What's the **phone number** for...

City Hall	760-434-2820
Abandoned vehicles (public streets)	760-931-2289
Trash service/dump information	760-929-9400
Non-emergency police	760-931-2197
Barking dog complaints	760-438-2312
Graffiti removal	760-434-6700
Department of Motor Vehicles	800-777-0133
Storm water hotline	760-602-2799

For a complete list of commonly requested phone numbers, click on "Carlsbad A-Z" on the city's home page, www.carlsbadca.gov. Not sure who to call? You can always call City Hall during regular business hours, and we'll get you to the right place.



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